

# Daily Bulletin

2014 Youth NABC

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## Dedicated teacher shows how it's done

Barbara Clark does so much for bridge in her corner of New Jersey that it's hard to categorize her activities precisely. Suffice it to say that she gets things done for the game in District 3.

Clark, a regular at the Youth NABCs, returned this year with nine players from two schools in Orange NJ, her home base.

Four came from the Park Avenue School, five from the Oakwood Avenue School.

Clark is the Youth Bridge Coordinator for her district and the Unit 140 school bridge coordinator.

In the 11 years that she and others have been teaching bridge in schools, she reckons that hundreds of young people have been exposed to the game, many sticking with it.

The youngsters in the youth program play in the regional in Rye NY every year, and they compete in various nearby sectionals.

Right after last year's visit to the Youth NABC in Atlanta, the group she guides started fundraising for the trip to Las Vegas. They baked cookies, washed cars, had raffles and solicited donations, to name just a few of their efforts. This year, District 3 chipped in \$500 each for four players to travel to this tournament.

The school lessons are ongoing, thanks to the efforts of Clark and those who work with her. Last year, the school bridge classes at the Park school had 12 to 15 members. At Oakwood, 20 students took the lessons.



**Barbara Clark, in the striped top, and her contingent from Orange NJ traveled 2500 miles to the Youth NABC.**

"The kids are learning a lot," Clark said, "and we have seen some of the fifth- and six-graders teaching bridge to the third- and fourth-graders – and they pay attention."

Clark said that the late Joan Gerard, who represented District 3 on the ACBL Board of Directors for decades, fought to get her district to establish a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. That has come to pass, Clark said, with the establishment of the New Jersey-New York Youth Bridge Association – another activity for Orange's youth recruitment leader.

"We are very proud of what we do," Clark said.

Considering that Las Vegas is more than 2500 miles from Orange, Clark wasn't so sure things would work out for the nine players who wanted to play bridge at this tournament. "I never dreamed we'd be able to come here, but now they're talking about where the tournament is next year."

## Seriously, the kid is good

When he was three years old, Alex Sung of New York City saw his grandmother, Connie Lee, playing bridge on a computer. It was the Bridge Baron software program.



**Ross Grabel and possible future partner Alex Sung.**

A couple of days later, Lee heard a voice from the room with the computer: "Welcome to Bridge Baron!" Lee found that her grandson had opened the program and had begun adjusting the fonts and making other changes. He was hooked.

By age four, Alex could count high-card points and he whizzed through a copy of Harry Lampert's "The Fun Way To Serious Bridge."

A few months later, he said, "I want to play real bridge." He has done so several times with his grandmother. Two years ago, they had an 82% game at a duplicate club.

At age seven, he came in second in a main event at a Youth regional.

Alex's mother, Alice Lee, is delighted at her son's interest in the game. "It's something he can do with his grandparents. He used to beg my parents to play. Sometimes he would say he had a headache and needed to play bridge to make it go away."

Ilene Grabel, Youth NABC partnership chair, heard about Alex and shared his story with her husband, Grand Life Master Ross Grabel. Ross said he would like to play with Alex, but he's a bit too old for the Youth NABC. He did stop by the venue on Thursday to say hi to Alex, who said he likes bridge because "it's mentally challenging."

Added his grandmother, "Alex is self-taught. We didn't teach him at all."



**Three generations were represented on Thursday at the Youth NABC: Chair Nancy Erickson, her daughter Megan Silva with her daughter Madison.**

## Youth NABC starts with a bang

At times on day one of the 2014 Youth NABC, it was hard to hear yourself think with all the noise produced by more than 100 young bridge players with seemingly boundless energy.

To Youth NABC Chair Nancy Erickson, the din was happy music.

"The noise after each round," she said, "was a joy to listen to. The kids had a blast."

Registration went smoothly despite a minor difficulty in communicating with some members of the 26-player contingent from China. Erickson's daughter, Megan Silva, had some signs made up in Chinese and placed on the tables to help the players with the check-in process.

Erickson said she was especially pleased to note the behavior of the young players. "Every one of them embraced the Zero Tolerance policy of the ACBL," she said. "The sportsmanship was something to behold. It is what we are all about."

Co-Chair Patty Tucker conceived of the Youth NABC and made it happen in 2008 in an Atlanta suburb. She has nurtured the tournament and expanded her efforts to get new players occupying seats at clubs and tournaments.

Tucker glows when she describes what the Youth NABC means to the players who participate.

"Every time I come back and see familiar faces and new faces," Tucker said, "it makes everything worthwhile. This is one of the best things ACBL does."

What she really liked about the start of this tournament is that "the kids hung around after. It's all about making friends and connections that will last for the rest of their lives."

Tucker was especially pleased to see Timothy McAllister, of nearby Henderson, on opening day. He took Tucker's Learn Bridge In A Day? course on Sunday, showed up on Thursday to play in the Youth NABC, played two sessions of the Cardroom Pairs, won some masterpoints and joined the ACBL on the spot.

# YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

All card play is in Pavilion 10 at the hotel  
(other activities in Pavilion 11)

- Friday, July 25**  
Baron Barclay National  
Youth Open Pairs  
2 sessions  
(one qualifying and one final session)  
Players must be available for both sessions
- 10 a.m. Cardrook Pairs  
Single session  
2 p.m. Cardrook Pairs  
Single session  
2 p.m. Consolation Open Pairs  
Single session
- Saturday, July 26**  
National Youth  
Swiss Teams  
2 sessions  
(one qualifying and one final session)  
Players must be available for both sessions
- 10 a.m. Cardrook Pairs  
Single session  
2 p.m. Cardrook Pairs  
Single session  
2 p.m. Consolation Swiss  
Single session  
5:30 p.m. Master Point Press Sportsmanship  
Award Ceremony

(Cardrook pairs are games designed  
for less-experienced players)

## WORD SEARCH

J	P	V	M	L	E	A	N	G
G	A	M	E	H	C	L	V	A
E	R	C	N	G	B	A	I	M
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U	N	C	R	B	N	Y	A	R
O	E	R	T	L	Y	R	R	O
B	R	C	H	A	T	U	E	A
H	D	I	S	C	A	R	D	M
E	S	N	F	K	M	D	D	E
A	P	O	C	W	E	N	O	F
L	M	A	J	O	R	E	U	L
D	U	E	D	O	N	F	B	S
U	R	T	A	D	E	E	L	S
V	T	S	E	W	R	D	E	B

## WORD LIST

DEFEND  
NORTH  
WEST  
TRUMPS  
REDOUBLE  
GAME  
BLACKWOOD  
MAJOR  
PARTNER  
DISCARD  
YNABC  
DRURY  
PASS  
JACOBY



Yuqiao Zhao, Chen Biteng, Zhi Zeng and Tian Yuan Lan, first in Strats A and B, Youth Teams.



Kevin Huang, Rory Xiao, Brent Xiao and Michael Hu, first, Strat C, Youth Teams.

# BARON BRIDGE SUPPLY

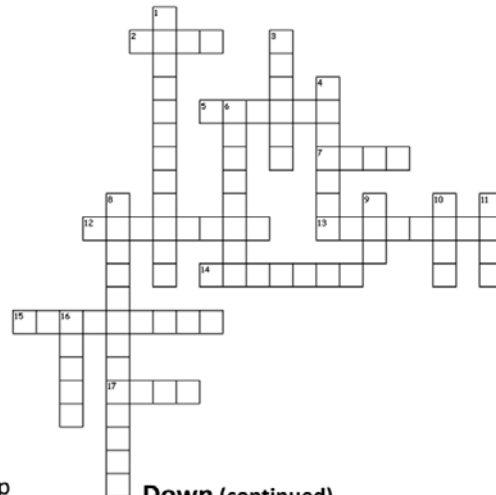
### Across

- A bid not used nearly often enough!
- A way to ask partner what their longest suit is
- The second highest card in bridge
- The person who plays the contract
- When an opponent of the opener bids
- Bid that asks partner "do you have a four-card major"
- Partner of the opening bidder
- Another word used in place of trump

### Down

- Sponsor of the youth open pair national championship
- Asking for aces in a notrump contract
- What you might bid with a good six-card suit and a weak hand
- The person to your left
- A rule in duplicate bridge that helps assure good sportsmanship

## BARON BARCLAY DAY!



### Down (continued)

- When you stop declarer from winning the number of tricks he needs
- West's partner
- Taking twelve tricks is making a \_\_\_\_
- North's partner

Answers in tomorrow's edition.

# They snagged some hardware at the Youth NABC

Opening day at the 2014 Youth NABC produced a boatload of winners, shown below with their hardware.



**Andrew Burrows and R.J. Fashingbauer, Strat B section first, Cardroom Pairs.**



**Tyler Hart and Jonathan Baugel, Strat A section first, Youth Pairs**



**James and Ivan Marchant, Strat C section first, Youth Pairs.**



**Yi Chen Hao and Cheng Bo Gu, Strat A section first, Cardroom Pairs.**



**Vincent Zhu and Alec Zhan, Strat A section first, Youth Pairs.**



**Kai Chang and Pico Gilman, first overall, Morning and Afternoon Cardroom Pairs.**



**Ellie Fashingbauer and Jackson Miller, Strat B section first, Youth Pairs.**



**Olivia Laufer and Albena-Maria Vassileva, Strat C section first, Youth Pairs.**



**Yuqiao Zhao and Zhi Zheng, Strat B section first, Youth Pairs.**



**Sophia Chang and Lucy Zhang, Strat A section first, Youth Pairs.**



**Yuan Zhe Ding and Yutong Shao, Strat A section first, Youth Pairs.**

**BARON BARCLAY**  
BRIDGE SUPPLY



# 2013 Youth NABC Las Vegas NV

## THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH PAIRS

16.0 Tables

A	B	C			
2.94	1	1	1	Yuqiao Zhao, Marlboro NJ; Zhi Zeng,	65.22%
2.21	2	2		Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA; Tyler Hart, Reno NV	64.12%
1.65	3			Daniel Chai, Marlboro NJ; Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL	63.89%
1.24	4			Alec Zhan, Alpharetta GA; Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA	63.00%
1.04	5	3		Sophia Chang, San Gabriel CA; Lucy Zhang, Arcadia CA	60.78%
0.78	6	4		Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL; Jackson Miller, Vienna VA	60.56%
0.78		5	2	Zhang Ruigi - Song Yilan,	59.22%
0.44		6		Brandon Flaschner, Palm Coast FL; Michael Fitzpatrick, Palm Court FL	57.00%
0.59		3		Sharan Kumar, Holmdel NJ; Timothy Lou, Morganville NJ	56.94%
0.47		4		Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON	56.89%
0.33		5		Tian-Yuan Lan - BiTeng Chen, Beijing Chad	56.11%

## THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

14.0 Tables

A	B	C			
1.62	1	1	1	Pico Gilman, San Francisco CA; Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	77.00%
1.22	2			YiChen Hao - ChengBo Gu,	69.83%
0.91	3			Di Wu - Rui Jieshi,	65.17%
0.68	4			Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ; Eric Lou, Morganville NJ	65.00%
0.51	5			JiaYin Liu - XinRan Tong,	64.17%
0.34	6/7			Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA; Michael Hu, San Jose CA	63.33%
0.93	6/7	2	2	Andrew Burrows - R.J. Fashingbauer, Williamsburg VA	63.33%
0.70		3		Brent Xiao - Rory Xiao, Fremont CA	62.83%
0.52		4		Xinyi Luo - Wendy Guangli Liu,	60.83%
0.46		5		YuQi Wen - Yitlang Zhang,	55.67%
0.33		6		JiaLin Hao - Qi Song,	55.45%
0.52		3		Ashley Botkins, Williamsburg VA; Madison Rickard, Williamsbg VA	45.83%
0.39		4		V J Lamoureux - Vivian Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS	43.33%

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

18 Tables

A	B	C			
3.17	1	1		Yuqiao Zhao, Marlboro NJ; Zhi Zeng, ; BiTeng Chen - Tian-Yuan Lan, Beijing Chad	61.00
2.38	2			Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Jason Miller, Tampa FL; Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL; Jackson Miller, Vienna VA; Henry Trautwein, Naples FL	58.00
1.78	3	2	1	Brent Xiao - Rory Xiao, Fremont CA; Michael Hu, San Jose CA; Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA	56.00
1.34	4			Lucy Zhang, Arcadia CA; Sophia Chang, San Gabriel CA; Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA; Tyler Hart, Reno NV	55.00
1.04	5	3		Shao Yutong - Song Yilan - Zhang Ruigi - Ding Yuangzhe,	54.00
0.78		4		Rui Jieshi - Di Wu - YiChen Hao - ChengBo Gu,	45.00
0.83		2		Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON; Ingrid Mattinger, Cupertino CA; Jonathan Wong, Pasadena CA	29.00

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

9.5 Tables

A	B	C			
1.28	1	1	1	Pico Gilman, San Francisco CA; Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	68.00%
0.96	2			Bernadette Williams - Hailey Botkins, Williamsburg VA	67.82%
0.80	3	2		Andrew Burrows, Williamsburg VA; RJ Fashingbauer,	66.50%
0.67	4	3		Jackson Moncure, Decatur GA; Timothy McAllister, Henderson NV	64.40%
0.47	5	4		Nickolas Edstrom, Apopka FL; William Lindsay, Riverview NB	64.33%
0.56		5	2	Helena Hsieh, Naperville IL; Isabella Babb, Williamsbg VA	53.60%

## Vegas Flare crossword puzzle answer

### Across

- How many cards are there in a deck - FIFTYTWO
- Each suit has how many cards - THIRTEEN
- The last bid after three passes - CONTRACT
- Sponsor of the sportsmanship award - MASTERPOINTPRESS
- A signal to tell your partner whether you like /don't like a suit - ATTITUDE
- I can take 13 tricks! - GRANDSLAM
- Site of the second Youth NABC in 2010 - NEWORLEANS
- I don't think you can make your contract! - DOUBLE
- Bidding the opponent's suit - CUEBID
- How many points does a king count - THREE
- It shows a fit - RAISE

### Down

- A signal to tell your partner how many cards you hold in a suit - COUNT
- When you don't make your contract you are - SET
- What do you call eight cards between your two hands - FIT
- One spade is a - BID
- A special double made by advancer - SNAPDRAGON
- Highest card in the deck - ACE
- A bid made by an opponent to the opening bidder - OVERCALL
- He won the first sportsmanship trophy - TOMWALSH
- Four cards played by each player - TRICK
- It counts as 2 high card points - QUEEN
- Bid that says you can take twelve tricks - SLAM
- The organization that hosts the youth nabc - ACBL
- They sponsor the youth pair championship - BARON BARCLAY
- What should you do if partner leads fourth from their longest and strongest - RULEOFFELEVEN
- Winner of last years sportsmanship trophy - ZHAN

THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH PAIRS										
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION A			EAST-WEST				
A	B	C		A	B	C		A	B	C
1	1			Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA; Tyler Hart, Reno NV	64.12%	1		Alec Zhan, Alpharetta GA; Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA	63.00%	
2				Daniel Chai, Marlboro NJ; Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL	63.89%	2	1	Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL; Jackson Miller, Vienna VA	60.56%	
3				Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Jason Miller, Tampa FL	57.22%	3		Nisarg Shah - Caleb Colburn, Alpharetta GA	58.00%	
		2		Brandon Flaschner, Palm Coast FL; Michael Fitzpatrick, Palm Court FL	57.00%		2	Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON	56.89%	
		1		James Marchant - Ivan Marchant, Fairfax CA	37.00%		2	Ingrid Mattinger, Cupertino CA; Jonathan Wong, Pasadena CA	43.53%	
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION B			EAST-WEST				
A	B	C		A	B	C		A	B	C
1	1			Sophia Chang, San Gabriel CA; Lucy Zhang, Arcadia CA	60.78%	1	1	Yuqiao Zhao, Marlboro NJ; Zhi Zeng,	65.22%	
2				Ling Hu; ; Qing Xia, Castro Valley CA	56.00%	2	2	Zhang Ruigi - Song Yilan,	59.22%	
3				Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA	54.44%	3	3	Sharan Kumar, Holmdel NJ; Timothy Lou, Morganville NJ	56.94%	
		2		Shao Yutong - Ding Yuangzhe,	50.67%					
THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS										
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION A			EAST-WEST				
A	B	C		A	B	C		A	B	C
1	1	1		Pico Gilman, San Francisco CA; Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	77.00%	1		YiChen Hao - ChengBo Gu,	69.83%	
2				Di Wu - Rui Jieshi,	65.17%	2		Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ; Eric Lou, Morganville NJ	65.00%	
3				JiaYin Liu - XinRan Tong,	64.17%	3	1	Andrew Burrows - R.J. Fashingbauer, Williamsburg VA	3.33%	
4				Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA; Michael Hu, San Jose CA	63.33%	4	2	Brent Xiao - Rory Xiao, Fremont CA	62.83%	
5	2			YuQi Wen - Yitlang Zhang,	55.67%	5/6		Avery Dyen, Maitland FL; Sarah Youmans, Apopka FL	60.83%	
6	3			JiaLin Hao - Qi Song,	55.45%	5/6	3	Xinyi Luo - Wendy Guangli Liu,	60.83%	
		4		L'nai Bryant - Nayelis Fernandez, Orange NJ	46.67%			Laurny Boone, Williamsburg VA; Elijah Williams, Williamsbg VA	40.00%	
		2		Ashley Botkins, Williamsburg VA; Madison Rickard, Williamsbg VA	45.83%		2			
THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS										
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION C			EAST-WEST				
A	B	C		A	B	C		A	B	C
1	1	1		Pico Gilman, San Francisco CA; Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	68.00%	1		Jackson Moncure, Decatur GA; Timothy McAllister, Henderson NV	64.40%	
2				Bernadette Williams - Hailey Botkins, Williamsburg VA	67.82%	2	2	Nickolas Edstrom, Apopka FL; William Lindsay, Riverview NB	64.33%	
3	2			Andrew Burrows, Williamsburg VA; RJ Fashingbauer,	66.50%	3	3	Helena Hsieh, Naperville IL; Isabella Babb, Williamsbg VA	53.60%	
4	3			Chia Hung Tang, Cerritos CA; Andrew Zhang,	53.00%	4		Jenna Strickland, Cordova TN; Emily Mattison, Germantown TN	52.17%	

### Cryptoquote answer from Thursday's Youth issue

MGDV KUO IQD QOVVHF I ROHP, TXIK PGD GHFG BIQC  
WHEN YOU ARE RUNNING A SUIT, PLAY THE HIGH CARD

EQUW PGD GIVC MHPG RGUQPVDRR EHQR.  
FROM THE HAND WITH SHORTNESS FIRST